THE MEASVRING ROD OF THE LORD;

Stretched forth over all Nations, and the Line of true judgement laid to the Rulers thereof;

Wherein all Governours and Rulers, Potentates and Powers are measured; and all Governments and Lawes weighed in the true weight; wherein they all may see how far they are degenerated from the Law of Righteousnes, and the Rules of Wisdome, which was in the beginning, before Tyranny, and Persecution, and Rebellion had shewed it selfe;

Also shewing the end that will come upon all those Rulers and Governments, Rules and Lawes that have been made in the Apostacy, which is to be all overthrown, and all that which is acted out of Gods power, to be thrown down by him, unto whom all Power is committed.

Shewing also that they in whom the power of God is made manifest, cannot be subject to any Usurper, or to that power which is gone from the life of God.

Also an Advertisement to all the Rulers upon the Earth, that they may wait for the Restorer to be revealed in the Nations, to make up the Breaches, and to crush that down which hath made the Breach, that so Righteousnes may cover the Earth, and gladness of heart may possess the People.

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The measuring rod of the Lord ſtreched forth &c.

LIſten oh World, hearken oh Earth, and all the Inhabitants thereof, give eare, oh all Nations that are therein, and all the Iſles thereof, draw near ye Potentates thereof, ye Emperours, Kings, Earles, Dukes, Nobles, Principallities, and Dominions, my mouth ſhall ſpeake the thing that is right, and my lips ſhall utter forth underſtanding, my toungue ſhall declare unto you the Counſell of the moſt high, and what he is bringing to paſs in the latter dayes, he that is higher than the higheſt hath ſaid, he that is greater than the greateſt hath ſpoken, the whole World lies in wickedneſs, and thick darkneſs is over the World, his way is perverted, his Counſell is deſpiſed, and all Nations is out of order, notwithſtanding the multitude of their Counſellers, and notwithſtanding all their wiſdome, yet folly is brought forth in the middeſt of the Nations.

Becauſe they have asked Counſell and not at the Lord, and taken advice and not at the holy One, therefore violence is ſet up as an Enſign, and wickedneſs runneth down as a river, and cruelty and opreſſion as a mighty ſtream, the whole Earth is full of folly and madneſs, and

all the people thereof are degenerate and grown out of the Image of God into a monstrous and strange nature, the prophets are all fooles, the diviners thereof are mad, and they being degenerate themselves from the life of God, have not turned the people from their iniquitie, but hath led them into further blindnes, darkness, ignorance, and deceit, and hath made the Word of truth of none effect through their traditions, & hath taught for doctrine the precepts of men, & the traditions of them who are out of the Faith, and out of the life, and out of the power of God, and the Counsellors they have established wickedness by a law, they themselves being stranged from the life of God, therefore violence is broken forth into the earth as a flood, and now all Kings, Rulers, Potentates of the Earth who have given their power to the Whore, who sitts upon many waters, and the waters are kindreds, and tongues, and people, and Nations, yea all Nations have been drunk with the cup of her Fornication, and being all gone forth from the life, in which the Prophets and the holy men of God lived in, and were established in; the Nations are become as waters, reeling to and fro, hither and thither, unsetled, unstable, there the Whore hath her seate, and all having drunk of her cup of Iniquity and Fornication, even of mystery-*Babylons* cup, and are inflamed therewith; and so reeles to, and fro, as the waters, and are as the waves of the Sea unstable, by her who hath made all Nations drunk, and by them who have been made drunk with her, even all Nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, have the Prophets been slain, and the witnesses slain, and none to bury them, not in mystery-*Babylon*, who is drunk with the blood of the Saints, and they that have drunk of her cup of Fornication, even all the Kings, Nobles, Potentates of the earth, they have acted the like, and have slain the appearance of God, where ever it hath been brought forth, and the red Dragon hath stood ready to devour the heir, which is borne of mystery-

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Jerusalem which is the Mother of all who are borne from above, who are heires of the promise of Eternall life, and the powers of the earth hath joyned their power to the Dragon, who cast out floods of venome after the Child, which is brought forth by the woman, which is clothed whith the sun: and now the powers of the earth taketh part with the Dragon, and their authority and dominion that they exercise is by his power which arises out of the bottomless pit; and shall goe into perdition, and he hath deceived the Nations long, and all hath exercised their power against him who is the heire of the promise, the first-born of every Creature, who is higher than the highest, and greater than the greatest, and have changed his lawes, and made them void, and hath set up the law of sinne and death, & hath established unrighteous Lawes by the power of darkness, in which all Nations hath been involved in, since the Dragon hath power, and whosoever would not obey those Lawes and customs, and constitutions, the Dragon hath had power, and all that have joyned to him for a time, to kill, to imprison, to destroy, and they who have been exalted have had thought to weary out the Saints of the most high, and to root out the memoriall of the just, that he and all his adherents, might reign for ever, in the Kingdome of unrighteousness, and in the dominion of darkness, which is the Devills dwelling place, and residence for ever, who is at enmity against God, and the Children of light, which worship God in spirit and truth, in life and righteousness.

Now is the time drawing near, and he who is the desire of all Nations appeareth, the ancient of dayes is coming, whose throne is established in righteousness for ever, who will break the head of the Dragon, and will lay hold upon him, and chaine him up that he deceive the Nations no more, and all you Emperours, Kings, Dukes, Earles, Nobles, Lords, and Potentates, who have joyned to him, your Kingdome shall be rent from you, and your hands

shall grow weake, that you shall not be able to defend your selves against him who travells in the greatness of his strength, who is comming up against you, as a Lion greedy of his prey, and will devoure at once all his enemies, that thought in their hearts to reign for ever, and to settle themselves in iniquity for ever: now the time draws near when he will put down the authority of the dragon, and of the beast, and the beast with many heads and hornes, and their rule shall come to an end, and he will dash you one againe another as broken pitchers, till you be consumed and brought to nought, and be worn out as a motheaten garment, and will overthrow your Lawes and customes, which is made in the night of ignorance, and blindness, and will change your customes and the times, and will reduce the earth again into its first purity, and you that have ruled, shall serve and be tributary; and as you have had a time of rejoycing over the witnesses (who hath troubled your earthly and devillish peace) and slayn them as sheep for the slaughter; a time of mourning is comming upon you, when you shall say alas, alas, for your glory shall pass away, and your renown shall wither; and for your dominion which shall grow so weake, that you shall not be able to resist him who travells in the greatness of his strength, and treadeth the winepress of the wrath of God, who is mighty and strong to judge the Whore, and all they that have committed fornication with her, and have drunk of her cup, and are inflamed with Adultery, and cannot cease from sinne, but burnes in envie against the appearing of the manchild who is heir of the promise, yea of life everlasting, born heir to the inherritance which is incoruptible, unto whom all power belongeth both in heaven and earth, who will subdue the lower power, and powers of darkness, and tread them under foot, and all who act from that power which is below the life, below the truth, below the light, that power will he (and all whom he brings out of the grave, and raises above the

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grave) tread down under foot, which ſtands but in the earth wherein dwells unrighteouſneſs.

Although thy teachers and diviners in the oh earth, who preacheth a divination of their own brain, & from the imagination of their own hearts, hath made you beleive, oh you powers of the earth, who are in the fall, in the tranſgreſſion of the life, that you were the higher powers, every Emperour, King, Duke, Earle, Nobles, Lords, and that all were to ſtoop to your wills, how contrary ſoever they have been to God, but you and they muſt know, there is one higher than the higheſt, who is King of kings, and Lord of Lords, who alone will judge the hearts of his people, and their conſciences, for he will not give his glory to another, although you have long uſurped it, ſince the dayes of the Apoſtacy, and would have had all to bow to that power which hath tranſgreſſed the life, and is gone from the power of God, oh long hath been the night of ignorance, and darkneſs, and great hath been the apoſtacy in the earth, ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, and ſince the falſe Chriſts and falſe prophets entered into the World, which Chriſt ſaid ſhould come, and cry lo here, and there, and ſhould deceive many, yea all the world wondered after the beaſt, and *John*, ſaw it all ly in wickedneſs, and the time that Chriſt propheſied of came to be fullfilled in the dayes of *John*, and he ſaw it; *Matt.* 24. 23, 24. that many falſe prophets and Antichriſts, were gone out into the World, out from the life, out from the truth, out from the light, wherein the Saints had fellowſhip, who wrote forth the Scriptures, and he ſaid they were gone into the World, and he ſaid the whole World lay in wickedneſs, and ſo they went from holyneſs into wickedneſs, and from the fathers love into the love of the World, and *Peter* and *Jude*, who lived in the ſame age, they ſaw them that went in the error of *Balaam*, and in the way of *Cain*, and in gainſaying the Power, being turned from it like *Corah*, and alſo their hearts were exerciſed with covetuous practices, *So John ſaw they were come*, 1 *John* 2. 18,

19, ver. *Little Children it is the last times as you have heard that Antichrist shall come, even now there are many Antichrists, whereby we know its the last time,* and *Peter* saw that false Apostles should come, who should make merchandise of the people, and prophesied of it, as you may read 2 *Pet.* 2. 1, 3. and in the 14, 15, verses, you may know them by their fruits, having eyes full of adultery; and cannot cease from sinne; beguiling unstable soules, and hearts they have exercised with covetuous practices, and they were the cursed children; and these had forsaken the right way, Christ the way and his command also: freely ye have received, freely give, and they laboured to keep the Gospell without charge, who were true Apostles, but these false prophets, deceitfull workers, Antichrists and false Apostles, they were gone in *Balaams* way, after the wayes of unrighteousnes in *Cains* way, in *Corah* way, in Antichrists way, out of Christs way, and these false prophets, false Apostles, *they spoke swelling words of vanitie, and did allure through the lusts of the flesh,* and they like the rest of the false Prophets gone before them, cried peace, and promised peace unto others, while they run with them into riotousnes, and while they put into their mouthes, and these promised libertie to *themselves and others, while they themselves were servants of corruption,* and *Jude* bore witnesse that they were turned from the Grace of God into lasciviousnesse, and wantonnesse, even from the grace that taught them to deny ungodlinesse, and was sufficient to preserve them from these errours before mentioned, but they went from it, and from the light and life of men, and denied him, and owned another, even him who abode not in the truth (the foundation of God) but went out of the truth, and so are bottomlesse or without foundation, and there is the very center, ground and residence of all the false prophets, Antichrists, deceivers, all comes from or out of the bottomles pit, and leades to perdition.

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And *Paul* if not in that age, yet in the next age after lived, & he saw the mystery of iniquity already begin to worke, 2 *Thess.* 2, 6. *and Paul an Apostle of Christ wrote to Timothy his Son that the spirit spoke expresly some should depart from the faith, and they should speake lies in hypocrisie* 1 *Timothy* 4. 1, 2. *and in the* 2 *of Tim.* he gave him notice what fruits they should bring forth, they that departed from the faith, *Chap.* 4. *ver.* 2, 3, 4. 5, 6. yea a great Apostacy from the faith there was, while *Paul* was yet living, for he writes to *Timothy* 2. *Tim Chap.* 1. this thou knowest, that all they which were in *Asia*, be turned away from me, and there were a great people in *Asia*, for great persecution he suffered in *Asia*, and stayed 2 years in *Asia*, *Acts.* 19. *ver.* 10. In so much that all they that dwelt in *Asia* heard the word of the Lord, yea and divers great men and of the cheife of *Asia* were his freinds, *Acts* 19. *ver.* 21. so its manifest there were a great people, for *Acts* 19, 26 verse, not only at *Ephesus*, but almost throughout all *Asia* this *Paul* hath perswaded, and turned away much people, said *Demetrius*: and *Paul* writing to the *Corinthians*, saith 1 *Cor*, 16. 19. the Churches in *Asia* salute you; and *John* writes to seven, *Rev.* 1, 4. *Rev.* 11. and as was said before, *all was departed from the faith, even all they that are in Asia are turned away from me*, and the Apostle wrote to *Titus*; *Titus.* 1 *ver.* 10, 11. *that there were many unruly, and vaine talkers, and deceivers, who subverted whole houses, teaching tha things they ought not, for filthy lucre.*

And *John*, who wrote the last in the *Revelations*, he writes that the whole World wondred after the beast, and his power was so great, that it was said who is able to make warre with the beast, & they worshipped the beast, saying, who is able to make warre with the beast *Rev.* 13. *ver.* 3, 4. and the beast that arose out of the Sea, having seven heads, and ten hornes, and upon his hornes ten Crownes, and upon his head the name of blasphemy, and

the Dragon gave him his power, his seat, and great Authority, and he opened his mouth in Blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his Name and his Tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven, and it was given him to make war with the Saints, *ver.* 6, 7, and to overcome them, and power was given him over all kindreds, tongues, and Nations, and all that dwell upon the earth, *ver.* 9. shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, slain from the foundation of the World, this Beast receiving his power and authority from the Dragon hath prevailed; he rose out of the Sea, the Waters upon which the whore sits, and the waters are kindreds, tongues and people, and the Beast arose out of the Sea also, that the whole World wondred after and worshipped, and *John* that saw this coming 14 or 15 hundred years agoe; so that in a few ages after the Apostles all was worn out, the life lost, the Dragon had power, the Beast had power, and all wondred after him, and the Whore had made all Nations drunk with her Fornication; and then she came to sit upon many Waters, Kindred, Tongues and People, hears the Waters, hears the Sea out of which the Beast rose, who received his power from the Dragon, and this is he who upon his head had the names of Blasphemy, and all kindreds, tongues, and Nations whose names were not written in the Lambs book, they who honoured the Beast, and worshipped the Beast, and said who is able to make war with him, admired his power, and submitted unto him; and he hath had power, and hath prevailed against the saints, did overcome them, and the Dragon hath made war with the Seed which keep the Commandements of God, and the testimony of Iesus, all this was seen many Ages agoe, and what worke the Dragon hath made in the Nations and in the Earth, where he hath had dominion and prevailed, and what a raging the roaring Lyon hath kept in the Earth is evident, seeking to destroy them in whom the seed remained, and to de-

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stroy them in whom the power of God was, or the least measure, and so the false Prophets, deceivers, Antichrists, which went out then, which the Apostle saw, they cried up that power which was from the life of God, and hath cryed it up for the higher power, and said all ought to be subject to it, and said who is able to make war with the Beast, for the false Apostles and Deceivers and Antichrists went from the Grace of God, and from the light, and from the power of God, into the World and into that Nature, which all kindreds, and tongues, and people walked in, and into the power that acts the Children of disobedience, and joyned with that power upon which the Whore sits; and they taught Nations and People to admire this power, and to admire the Beast because of his Heads and Horns, and Crowns and Names; and hath wrought miracles before the Beast; and this power which the Beast had received from the Dragon, this power admires the false Prophet, and the false Prophet the Beast; so that none could buy nor sell, nay nor live, but that had his marke or the number of his name, and so all hath been in utter darkness, and the deeds of darkness hath spread themselves over the Earth; For the Whore who is adulderated from God; and the Dragon, and the Beast, and the false Prophet, all have acted from that power, which is below the truth, and below the life, which power is at enmity against the truth and the life and against the light; and this power overspread all Nations, and the Sun being set, the night came over all, and the shadow of death over all Nations, and a veil and a covering hath been spread over all: and so out of the midst of thick darkness all hath acted this long and darke night of ignorance in the Apostacy, wherein the Dragon hath had power, and the Beast, and that power hath been admired and set up, which hath transgressed the life, so that any who have been zealous for the truth, and have kept the testimony of Jesus, and the spirit of prophesie; the

false prophets in all Nations, who are from the testimony of Jesus, have called to the Beast to slay and to kill and to destroy the seed of the woman, which is cloathed with the Sun, and so the Beast exercising his power which is from below, have killed and destroyed them who were subject to the higher power.

And what torturing and Massacring, and persecution, what burning and strangling there hath been, what cruell deaths many have been put to, over all Nations and in all Nations, where the beast have had power, who makes warr against the life, so that the streets have run with blood, and all being gone from the life and power of God, they set up themselves to be Judges over mens consciences, and they who were in the errour, they cryed out of heresie, and they that are gone from the truth into a lie, the ground of Blasphemy, they cry out of Blasphemy, and under the hornes of the beast, and under the heads, and the Crownes of the beast, what Cannons constitutions, edicts, and lawes have been in all Nations, what trapps, ginns, and snares have been laid in every Nation, yea, every horne hath pushed, and every head hath lifted up it selfe against Christ the head, and every mortall Crowne hath advanced it selfe against the Crowne of glory, and against the immortall Crowne, so that it might be said as *Elijah* said, the altar of the Lord hath been broken down and his prophets and his witnesses slain, none hath escaped the rage of the Beast.

Yet there hath been a few who have kept their garments clean, and were not defiled with women, nor with the Harlot, those who feared the Lord, and durst not offend the righteous law of God in their consciences, but hath denied whole councells who were erred from the faith, and all the powers of the earth in which the beast bore rule, but rather chuse to suffer cruell deathes, than to let goe the profession and possession of their faith, whose blood cryes under the Altar, how long

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oh Lord, holy, juſt, and true, will it be ere thou avenge our blood, which blood and cry is entered into the eares of the Lord of hoſts, who will ſpeedily take vengeance on the Nations, and daſh them one againſt another, and will breake down that power which hath ſlain the witneſſes, yea, and hath gainſaid the power of God, and all Nations who are from the life, in which the holy men of God lived, and in that nature ſtill which perſecuted the life of God wherever it did apear in any meaſure, yea, ſwell'd up and climb'd to the very top of iniquity, which is Satans Crown and glory, and the preiſts, and they that went out from the light into the World, in *Johns* dayes, and *Peters* dayes, who then taught for filthy lucre, and did ſubvert whole houſes from the faith, ever ſince that time hath ſpread themſelves over the Nations, and hath begotten people into a form and into an image, without the life, and ſo hath worſhipped the beaſt and his image.

And the deceit being entered then, and images then being ſet up, one on this wiſe, another on that, and ſome have had an image of many mixtures, ſuch an image as the preiſts of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* worſhip, and hath got a law to guard it, that whoſoever will not bow to it, the furnace is heat hotter to throw them into it.

Object. And if any ſay, why I ſay ſo, or how do I make that appeare.

Anſ. I anſwer thus, the Cardinalls, Jeſuites, and other Romiſh Preiſts had a law made to protect their Idoll, the Maſs, and if any ſpoke to him that was ſacrificing to the Image, or Idoll, then three months inpriſonment, but now if any declares againſt the Image, that the Preiſts of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* have ſet up, every one is to pay five pound, or ſix months impriſonment in a houſe of correction, and there be tortured, and whipt, and ſhamefully intreated, nere to the loſs of life, nay its now ſo

much the more hotter now than ever.

None must come near the house of their Idoll God or Image, but must be counted a breaker of the peace, nor speake to a deceiver, and say he is so, nor a hireling and say he is so, nor to a covetous Preist and say he is so, and can for proofe bring halfe of his parish to witness the truth of this, but if he speake the truth never so clear, he must to prison or pay five pound, or the house of correction, and there be whipt, and stocked, and fettered, and chayned, and tortured, and so it is manifest that those magistrates, who had a hand in making of this law have outstript the magistrates in the time of *Mary*, when the Pope had domination in his height in these nations.

And the Preists now, who in these Nations, who have set up their Image of many mixtures, and one year they make one, and another year another, and what as that power likes the best, that is gone out of the life and power of God, that they present to the authority of the Nation as an Image of a more comely stature, than the former, and then authority makes a law to guard it, and so it may truly be said, as it was said to *Israell*, hath any other Nation changed their God, but *Israell* had changed from the living God, to them by nature which are no Gods, and so hath these Nations gone from God, the Fountaine of life, and from the power of God, and hath set up an Image in which is no life instead, nay, they are not content with their Image, but it growes old, and then patches up another of many mixtures, one while the Masse that was held forth as their publick profession, and then Prelacy and the book of common Prayer, and then Presbytery and the Directory, mixt and made up: Ignorance, Blindnes and of the fragments of Popery, and their own invention, and this now is set up for all to bow to, one while one thing which they call faith, and another while another, and heaps of confused confessions, but are all out of the life and from the true Faith.

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And now they have manifested themselves to have no Faith, and to be without faith, and are unagreed upon it, instance that which is called the humble petition, and advice presented to O. P. by the late Parliament, that there may be a publick confession of faith made and recommended, as the publick profession, and also that none may speak or write against, under a penalty, but this Image the Lord hath by his immediate hand from Heaven curst, and confounded them that would have founded it, before it ever came to be set up, ah silly silly, that ever they who should profess godliness, should so shame themselves and all their teachers, for the teachers are not agreed yet of their faith, so they have either no faith, or else many forms which is feigned, and in this they are not yet agreed, and so being out of the true faith, in which the Saints had fellowship; in the unity of the faith they are all in distraction, and confusion, head, and taile, in the jarr, in the strife about words, and a forme of words, and how many Confessions and forms and Images is there set forth, and people still Ignorant of the mystery of faith which is held in a pure conscience, and wants that which is the evidence of things not seen, and wants that which should let people see him who is invisible, and oh how is people lost in the middest of these fayned, formall, divinations, and how are the Rulers in most Nations lost in the middest of their counsells, being gone from that which should be a terror to evill doers, and should be for the praise of them that do well.

And what if all people in all Nations were constrained under a penalty to hold such a form of words, and to consent to such a confession, doth this any more but make hypocrits, when a man is not first perswaded of those things in his mind by the spirit of truth, is this any more, but fainedness, how long hath the God of this World blinded the eyes of people, whole Cities, Townes, and Countryes, because they have gotten a formall

Confession, made by a Priest, who is out of Christs doctrine, in the steps of the false Prophets, and in the practice of the false Apostles, and deceitfull workers, and when they have made a Confession, or a Catechism, as they call it, and hath gotten over the words, and can say them over, now judges they have faith, and are sound Christians, when they are Ignorant of the first principle or of faith towards God, and so are carried on in the mist of darkness, and ignorance, and knowes not yet repentance from dead workes.

Object. But some of the Rulers, and Potentates of the earth may say, we have not persecuted them for well doing, but for heresie, and blasphemy, and sowers of sedition, and because they have not submitted to obey our constitutions and lawes.

Ans. Deceit hath never wanted a cover hitherto, neither hath or can the serpent want subtilty, for its his nature by which he liveth: *Nabucadnezar* made a law, that whosoever would not obey, should be cast into the furnace, and might not all his magistrates have said to *Shadrak*, *Meshach*, and *Abednego*, that they were not subject to the Kings decree, and therefore judge they suffered deservedly, and did not the Jewes who were uncircumcised in heart say, when they took up stones to stone Christ, we stone thee not for thy good works, but thou being a man maketh thy selfe God, and the Jewes stoned *Paul*, and *Stephen*, and put *Peter*, and *Iohn* in prison, they said they were movers of sedition, and ringleaders of Sects, but the cheife Preists and the false prophets, had allwayes their hands, in conspiring against the life of the just, but persecutors were ever blind, and yet were so conceited, that they saw, that they said to Christ are we also blind, but the seed of falshood hath sitten as Judge long, and hath laid the heritage of God waste, and hath set it selfe in Gods Temple as the true heir, and judged the heir not worthy to live, and thou-

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ſands of thouſands have been put to cruell deaths, and a numberleſs number hath ſuffered ſince the Apoſtles dayes, and ſince the apoſtacy came in, yet theſe which have done theſe things would be called Chriſtian Magiſtrates, and Miniſters of juſtice, and thoſe teachers who have called to the rulers to puniſh ſuch as Hereticks, and Seducers, they would be counted the miniſters of Chriſt, and ſuch Nations who are out of the life, they would be counted holy.

Oh nay, Chriſt came not to deſtroy mens lives, but to ſave them, and all you rulers in all Nations, who goes under the name of Chriſtendom, who are upon the earth, and all you teachers that are therein, whoſe actions and lives, doctrines, and principles, and practices, are contrary to the life of righteouſneſs, and contrary to the doctrine of Chriſt and the practice of the holy men of God, you are all out of Chriſts nature, and out of the divine nature, in the Dragons nature, and in the corrupt nature, in the nature in which all the diſobedient and the rebellious are in, who are heires of wrath and eternall vengeance, therefore repent ye of your iniquity, and tremble before the Lord God of heaven and earth, who is roreing from his dwelling place, and uttering forth his dreadfull voice, at the ſound thereof all Nations ſhall fear, and be aſtoniſhed, and the fenced Cities, in which you dwell, ſhall be horribly afraid.

Behold the time of reſtoring, is come, and coming, and the year of Gods controverſy with *Sions* enemies is aproching near you, and he who ſits and judges in righteouſneſs, hath ſhewed himſelfe, will rule over the heathen as with a rod of Iron, and will pour forth his plagues upon all the families of the earth, that calls not upon his name, but deſpiſes it, and tramples upon it, the earth is filled with violence, cruellty and opreſſion, yea it is broken forth as a flood, and the Nations is covered with unrighteouſneſs, as with a garment, the beaſt hath

exerciſed his power, and hath overcome and prevailed long over the heritage of God, and the mountain of the Lords houſe is made deſolate, all is void and without form, deceit inthroned, truth trampled upon, Judgement turned backward, and the devill reignes a King, equity hath found no place, mercy is ſhut out of doores, cruelty is entertained, temperance and moderation hath no reſidence, luſt, uncleanneſs, exceſs, riotousneſs, and wantoneſs, is loved as though it were the way to eternall felicity, pride, hipocriſie, and diſſimulation is taken pleaſure in, ſobriety and meekneſs hath no dwelling place, but is thrown aſide, folly and madneſs is ſet up as the greateſt wiſdome, and the wiſdome which is from above counted the greateſt folly; the fear of the Lord is ſlighted, Gods pure law thrown behind their backes, the Nations and the people therein are compaſſed about with darkneſs as a wall, and with ignorance as a curtaine, and with blindneſs as with a ſtrong fence, they are ſituated in the region of death, and at the ſide of the pit, and yet ſaith no evill ſhall come near us, nor ſorrow touch our tabernacle, and is in a dead ſleep of ſecurity, wrapt up in the ſlumber of iniquity, involved in utter darkneſs, folded up in the deep pit of ignorance; and deſires not the knowledge of wiſdome, neither to walk in her path, but her way is grievous unto them, *and the eye lid of the morning is unto them as the ſhadow of death.*

Nevertheleſs he that weighes all things in an even ballance, before whom all Nations are but as the drop of a bucket, he is appearing in his power, and thundring from his holy place, who will make the Nations ſhake as an olive leafe, and the Iſles tremble before him, who is uttering forth his voice as the ſound of many waters, which ſhall make all the Potentates, and mighty of the earth bow, the eye-lids of the morning is opened, and the Sun is riſing to his height, and the darke Aire is ſcattering by the breath of his mouth, and ſo all things ſhall appear in

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in the earth as they are, and every thing under the face of the Heaven shall be brought to light, and all the powers of darkness discovered, and the workes, and workers of iniquity shall no longer be hid, but shall be discovered by the light of the sonne of God, and shall be judged and condemned by the life of righteousness, and blessed are they who know a hiding place in him, when his overflowing scourge passeth over the Nations which is already made ready to execute his judgement upon the heathen that know him not, oh who may abide his presence, when he appeares in his power and majesty and glory, all the ungodly of the earth, shall be as driven stubble before his bow, and shall fly before him, nevertheless the pursuer shall overtake, and the destroyer shall lay hold upon them, and all the ungodly shall hear the sentence, go ye cursed from the presence of the Lord into the pit of everlasting destruction.

And when this day comes upon the Nations, all your prophets, diviners and teachers, who are out of the life of Christ, who have flattered you and told you, you were the higher power, and you must sit as judge in the things of the Father, & Lord it over the consciences of people, and prescribe the Lord a way, and a limit in your severall Nations, and dominions, they shall not be able to deliver themselves neither you, but the helper and the helped shall both fall together, the strengthener and the strengthened shall grow feeble, & their loines weake, so that they shall not be able to stand before him who is the higher power, and the greatest dignity, who will rule over all usurpers, and over all the children of pride, the Dragon, the beast and the false prophet, and teller of lies, shall have their portion in the lake that burns.

Then shall the ransomed of the Lord, and the righteous seed, whom the Nations have slain, and persecuted; the prophets, and holy men of God, and all that have been slain for the testimony of *Jesus*, rejoice over the deceit,

and it shall be sung in that day, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, who will ascend above all principallities and powers, thrones and dominions, and tread down all under his feet that the earth may be filled with his glory, and behold he cometh quickly in a moment, and suddain destruction shall be upon his enemies, and the breath of his mouth shall make all melt away that hate the Lord, and their remembrance shall rot for ever and ever.

Therefore oh all ye powers of the earth, who are the sons of fallen *Adam*, whose power ariseth out of the earth, in which the Devill dwells and the serpent feeds, who bear rule but not by the Lord; who sits as judges in the earth, and yet your judgment is from the earth, and from below, know this, you shall all be judged with the just; and all your unrighteous decrees, lawes constitutions, ordinances, and edicts, which is made in the fallen wisdome, you and they both together will be cast aside as a thing of nought, and must all be judged with the just, therefore repent and turn to the Lord of heaven and earth, that you may know his righteous judgment set up in your hearts, and the spirit of injustice and error purged out of your hearts, or else you judge not for God, for all the lawes, constitutions, and ordinances, which are made in the fallen principle, and fallen wisdome, to have all these in the head or in the memory, so that he may act in a Nation or Kingdome, according to the letter of a law prescribed in a Nation; that doth not at all make a man an able minister of justice or a magistrate for God, for the root being unholy and corrupt and erronious, from whence those lawes were given forth, the branches is unholy also, the ground being corrupt, the tree bad, the fruit is bad also, and so all nations who are degenerate from the life of God, their lawes and constitutions doth alwayes imbondage the regenerate; so the heart being deceitfull, and unrighteous, such lawes proceeds forth which doth oppress the upright in heart, and all, or most of the lawes in all nations, are received

ceived by tradition from generation to generation, since the scattering of Israell, who received the law from Gods own mouth by the hand of *Moses* a Magistrate of the Lord, and a judge over Israell; and so heapes of decrees, statutes, and ordinances there is in the nations which doth not answer that of God in the conscience of every man, and so that which is pure of God in the conscience of every one cannot be subject to those lawes and traditions, but rather suffers, as many thousands have done, cruell deaths, and great oppression all this dark time of Antichrist reign, and of the beast in all nations since the apostacy; and death raigning over all the sonnes of the first *Adam*, in the transgression, death hath breathed forth it self upon the face of the earth, for sin entering and death by sinne it rules in the heart, and exerciseth his power which stands in unrighteousnes, and so all mankind in all their acting, can do nothing for God but against him; and against his people who are redeemed out of the region of death, and so all law-givers, and law-makers, and lawes which stands in the will of man, and in the unrighteous principle, will the second *Adam*, the Lord from Heaven, the restorer of mankind utterly overthrow, abolish and take away their power, for the law-giver shall come out of *Sion*; who ever in all nations, that ever come to see him must see him come from thence, whose appearance shall be as a lamp that burnes, and he shall change the customes and the times and the lawes, and overthrow all them that stands in the curse, for he shall lead out of death, and out of its path; and from under the law of sin and death, that all that heares him and comes to be subject to his law, shall deny all those lawes in the very ground, and bear their testimonie against them, which stands in that nature, that transgresseth the life, and therefore give ear all nations, and all Emperors Kings, Monarkes, Lord, Iudges, and rulers of the earth, in all nations he is come and coming, whose right it is to judge the earth in righteousnes, and

the people with equity, even he unto whome all judgment is committed, and he hath appeared as the sonne of God in the north region of the world in power and majesty and great glory, and hath made the mountaines melt before him, and he hath dried up all the springs of *Babylon*, and hath made the Cedars bow; and made the trees of the forrest to shake; and the sturdy oakes hath he cut up by the rootes; and turned a pleasant land into a wilderness, and hath made the wilderness to blossome, and hath changed the customes allready, and hath broken deaths covenant, and hath overthrown the mighty men, yea even the horse and his rider, and hath taken off their chariot wheeles in the day of battail, and it hath been a dreadfull day and a sore slaughter, as in the dayes of *Gibea*, or as in the valley *Jehosaphat* and a sorrowfull day hath come, and great mourning, as *Hadadrimmon* in the valley of *Megiddo*, for one post hath met another, and the news hath been, *Babylon* is taken at both ends, and he hath over-run the multitude of *Egypt*, and trampled upon them, as the prancing of horses in battel, so that the mighty are fallen by him, and the strong hath not been able to help themselves against him who hath come as one that trod the winepress, and now hath overturned the powers of death, hell and the grave, and hath broken deathes covenant, and will put an end to all changeable lawes, and hath and will establish his law which indures for ever & ever: and now heare, all that are left unspoyled are angry, and all that worship the Beast, are left unslain, blaspheme him and speakes evil of his name, and of his wondrous workes which he hath done in this day, as in the land of *Egypt*, and in the fields of *ZOAN*; for he hath turned the waters into blood, and hath cut all the fresh springs, and hath slain the first-born of *Egypt*, at which *Pharaoh* and all his wise men, and all the Egyptians are angry, and still resists the Lord, till they will, with the rest who have resisted him, be swallowed up of the Deep.

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And now oh Nations, who are scituated under the whole face of the Heaven, he is coming up against you as a Giant refreshed with wine, and shall run his course, and none shall be able to stop his way, and shall come as *Israel*, after the slaughter of *Edom*, with their Garments red; and he travails in the greatness of his strength, and shall make all Nations desolate, who have given their power to the Beast, and will break their Covenants, and throw down your traditions which are Heathenish, and he is bringing a handfull out of the North Country, who have been eye-witnesses of his power, Majesty, and Glory, and of his noble Acts, and though but a handfull, yet they are blessed, and his increase shall be great, for they shall subdue Nations, and Kings shall be tributary to them, and they shall be his Witnesses to the ends of the World, and shall publish his Righteousness from Generation to Generation, & bear their testimony of him, who lives for ever and ever, who is the Lord of Heaven and Earth, our Righteousness; who hath broken open the Seals of the Deep, and hath made the springs of Life to flow forth as though it issued out of a Wombe; by which his little ones are refreshed and grow in strength, honour, and glory to him in the highest, whose judgements are just, holy, pure and equall for ever and ever:

Oh who can stand before him, who hath uttered forth his voice before his Camp, and its very great, devouring fire is before him, and it is tempestuous round about him, and his sword devoures much flesh, and all the ungodly shall be slain, heaps upon heaps, so that there shall be none left to bury the dead: A glorious high Throne hath he erected, and he sits thereon, and judges in righteousness, even he before whose face the Heaven and the Earth shall fly away, and the Sea be dried up, oh who can dwell with devouring fire, who can dwell with everlasting burning, who can stand when he appears, when he draws out his sword of Justice all Nations shall grow pale, and all the

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rulers feeble, and the Warriour shall not find his hands in the day of battail, when they encounter with the Almighty, for his sword shall be fatted with slaughter, and all Nations who resist shall become soked with blood.

Oh he is dreadfull, who can stand when he appears, who is a consuming fire, therefore all Rulers in Nations, and Potentates of the Earth, feare and dread his holy name, and bow unto his righteous Scepter, least you be cut off, and perish with the rest of the uncircumcised, who have resisted him, and go down into the nethermost Hell for ever; for assuredly the day of your fanning and trying is near, arme your selves, put on your Armour, see if you be able to stand in the day of the Lord. Oh, nay you will all be as dust before the whirl-wind, and shall be scattered in the fierce anger of the Lord, and all your changeable Laws, Constitutions, Customs, and Traditions, which is brought forth from the changeable principle, which is gone out from the life, and all your turning of things upside down, shall be as the Potters clay, for he unto whom the eternall being hath committed all Judgement, which he hath appointed to judge in righteousness is appearing, and come, and coming, who sits as a Refiners fire, and sits as Judge among the Gods, who will not give his glory and honour to any other.

And so all you that beare rule and not by him, who is the true light which inlightneth every man that cometh into the World, your power is from another, even from him who is to be condemned with the light, for by me saith the Lord Kings rule, and Princes decree Justice, and such as were obedient unto his righteous Law written in their hearts; as *David*, *Solomon*, *Jehoshaphat*, *Ezekiah*, and the rest of the holy Kings and Princes, who were guided by that which was just & unchangeable, they ruled by his power and decreed Justice, and answered that which was just in every mans conscience, which is one with that power in which they ruled, and from whence they acted,

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and so a terrour they became to none, but evil doers, who were out of the power, and out of the truth, and in that nature which stood up against that power, by which the Princes decreed Justice, and so with the power of God, all these Rulers, and Rules, and Governments, which is not according to the power of the just God, is to be abolished at the coming of him, whose day shall come, and in his power and glory he shall appear, which shall darken and dazell, extirpate, and utterly destroy all, root and branch together, who is out of his power and against it, so there shall be a very great overturning, such as hath not been from the beginning, neither shall be ever hereafter.

And then shall the Restorer be seen, who shall restore the Earth into its first purity, and there shall be Judges as at the first, and Counsellers as at the beginning; then shall the Earth injoy her rest, and the Nations their Sabaoth, for the Lord of glory hath considered it, and he hath listened, and a great cry is heard out of all Nations, of the poor, and of the opressed, and of his Creatures which he hath made, how they have been chopped to pieces, as flesh for the Pot, and ground to dust as though they had not been Gods workmanship, and his seed in all Nations hath been held in great captivity; whose sighes, groanes and tears hath pierced through the Clouds, and is entered to the Throne of God, who is now arising to plead the cause of the poor and the needy, and now woe to the World, and to all them that have borne rule, but not by the Lord.

An advertisment to all the rulers upon earth,

THere is one onely God, the Creator and the bringer forth of all things, whose way is equal, and whose Judgements are just, whose Law is righteous, whose Statutes are pure, answering his own pure Witness in every man under

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the face of Heaven in all Nations upon the Earth, so as every man in all Nations upon the Earth comes to own Gods pure witness in himself, placed by the Lord; he shall be made to confess unto the righteous acting of those Rulers who rule in righteousness, by the righteous law of God; but where any Ruler is not ruled himself, by that which is pure of God which condemneth self, and self-actings in himself, He bears rule, but not in Gods Dominion, and so layes yoaks upon a Nation, Country or People, to make all submit to his will, decrees, and ordinances, and to deny that which is pure of God in themselves, and then joyns to his deceit, and thus iniquity gets head, and is set up as a rule, and the law of God, both in the Ruler, and the ruled, is throwne behind their back, and so deceit leadeth, and the changeable mind acteth it self out in every thing that it hath to do withall; and so tyranie and opression spreads over a whole Nation, and the just suffers in it.

And hence it is that there are so many several Laws, Ordinances and Constitutions, and Traditions, and Customs among men in many Nations and Countreys, and Regions, one differing from another, and heaps of confusion, that hardly in any Nations, or few in a Nation knows what is Law, there is so much variableness, and changeableness amongst the Lawmakers, one while setting up, another while pulling down, and as deceit advanceth it self in any particular Ruler, then there must be a Law made, and a penalty upon the non-performance, as death, banishment, tortering, whipping, racking, prisonment, fining, to the utter destruction of many; and all the ground of this is because the Rulers are gone from that of God in themselves, and then acts in their own wills, and by their craft and deceit which stands in the Ground, which is cursed, and calls this Christian pollicy and wisdom, and cruelty becomes a Law, and the Devil keeps his Dominion in the Earth, and deceit gets a Cover and hides it self.

Now it was not so from the beginning; For as God is one, and his Name one, his Law is one, which is pure and equal, and unalterable, and indures for ever and ever. Now man being made in Gods own Image, answered the pure Law of God,

God, and being Gods Image was one with the Law, and the Law was not againſt him, but was his life and joy, and he had power to obey it; for he was of its own nature, for as God is pure and holy, and the Image which he brought forth man in was pure and holy, and that which was mans guide and rule was pure and holy, here was unity and purity, and he that created, and man that was created was in unity, and then there was no woe, no condemnation, no ſorrow, no death, no tribulation, nor anguiſh, nor wrath, revealed againſt man who was the Image of God, and he ſtood in the Dominion of God, and had dominion over that which was contrary, here was no tyranie, here was no cruelty, no priſons, no envie, no perſecution, no killing nor deſtroying, no defrauding, no jarre, no ſtrife, no devouring, but all Gods creation at unity, and man at unity with God, being partakers of his Dominion, whereby all the Earth was in order, and in that wiſdom which changed not, and here man had dominion and power, and ruled in Gods authority, and was guided by the higher power, and while he was ſubject to it, death had no power over him; now this was before ſin entered, and before death entred, & before enmity had appeared in the Earth, but now was the Lord King and Law-giver, and Judge, who ruled in righteouſneſs, and man being ſubject to him, there was no Law againſt him, nor no guilt of any thing, for tranſgreſſion was not known in the Earth, and there was no curſe, but all was in unity and peace, no changeableneſs, but all was in the covenant, all the workmanſhip of his hand was united unto him, and all that he had made was bleſſed, and all the Creation were partakers of his bleſſedneſs, and all ſtood in the covenant, by which every Creature received power, virtue and dominion, here was one mind, and here was no double, no variation, no mutation, nor change, but the dominion of the everlaſting God was felt, which indures for ever and ever, and any other thing was not ſeen in the Earth, but man crowned with honour, dominion and dignity, wherein could be nothing but rejoycing, and pure peace, and joy, now no evill was known, neither was there any ſuch thing, but good-

nesse possessed the whole Earth, and righteousnesse breathed forth it self in all things in the circumference thereof, and all the works of his hends pleased him, and man made partakers of his pleasure, and was accepted, and not rejected, thus in part I have shewed unto you the state of the Earth, and of mankind, and the glory of Gods Creation, and the blessednesse thereof, but if I could declare unto the whole World, from years end, to years end, I should fall short, and words would be wanting, to expresse the felicity and happinesse in which man was brought forth in, neither shall any be able to see into those things, or to declare certainly of those things, who come not beyond time, to him who is eternal, who gave them a being.

But after man had taken of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evill, and had eate of the fruit thereof; and consented to the beguiler, and to the Serpent, sin entered, and death by sin, man lost his dominion, and became subject to another, and another had power over him, and now the course of nature was set on the fire of Hell, the curse entered, and man dead while he lives; and in that day he eate did die, and death breathed forth it self in the Earth, and *Cain* is brought forth in his own Image, to wit, in the Image of him who was gone out of Gods Dominion, and he became a murderer, and slew him that was accepted of God, and here appeared now the enmity, and its life was to destroy, and to murder, and to kill *Abell*, who believed and offered up a sacrifice, and *Cain* offered in the unbelief, and was not accepted, so *Abell* who was just lived by Faith, but *Cain* who was in the envie and in the wrath, this life was death to him and to his nature, and so all who are out of the Faith, are dead while they live.

Now after the transgression in process of time, when the seed of fallen *Adam* began to increase in the Earth, being driven out from the presence of the Lord; they spread over the whole Earth, and sought many inventions being gone from that of God in themselves, by which they were united unto him, having broken his covenant, and joyned in covenant with death, death acts forth it self against the seed, which

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is not of its nature, and alwaies sought to imbondage it, and to kill it as *Cain* did *Abell*, and *Esau*, *Jacob*, and *Ismael* did unto *Isaack* and unto his seed.

Now the seed unto which the promise was received, the Law from the mouth of the Lord, and they that persecuted the seed, invented, and made Laws of their own, according to that nature in which they lived, and so became heathenish in their Fashions, and Laws, and Customs, and cruelty grew up as it was nourished, and leavened into its own nature, and unbelief grew into a mighty stature, and monsters was brought forth in such a strange shape in every thing, that the enmity did appear in, as had not been seen in the Earth before, and and so man being gone astray from the life of righteousness, every thing is abominable, and of a stranger nature, that he brings forth: yet take notice of this, that as the seed unto which the promise was who were in the Faith, and obeyed through Faith, they had a Law, so they in unbelief had also a Law, as the seed worshipped the living God, through a lively and a living Faith, and so sinned not in so doing, the seed of the serpent imitated a worship, and worshipped in death and unbelief, and as the Laws of one was equal, such as *David* and *Solomon*, the other was unequal, such as *Jeroboam* and *Rehoboam*, and as the one set up equity by a Law, the other made a Law to set up iniquity.

And the seed, they sought not their own honour, but the honour of him who was their reward, but the seed of the evil doer sought himself and his own honour, and as the spirit of the Lord breathed forth it self, and spoke the truth in the power of God, deceit uttered forth lies in hypocrisie, and in the power of death, and as the upright lived unto God in the spirit, deceit lived unto the flesh, and unto him who hath the power of death, which is the Devill, and as they fulfilled the Law of God, who were led by his holy spirit of God into all truth, the other followed their own imaginations, and answered the deceit and foolish mind, and they whose understanding was darkened loved them, and had pleasure in them.

So it may be truly said, many Nations, Rulers and ruled

ſit in the Region of the ſhaddow of death; and the living God is forgotten among them, & one againſt another, they are ſeeking one anothers ruine, & all in the violence, & in the cruelty.

Therefore all Rulers and Potentates of the Earth, Magiſtrates and Governours under the whole face of Heaven, hearken unto the words of my mouth, and liſten unto underſtanding, that you may be partakers of the happineſs and felicity which God is ſhedding abroad, now in the latter dayes, that ſo the Reſtorer you may know in your Regions, and the deliverer in your Nations, and the maker up of the breach in your Dominions, that he who is the deſire of all Nations may be revealed among you.

He which muſt reſtore is not born of man, nor cometh not to a People or a Nation, in the will of man, neither ſeeks he himſelf, but the glory of the Father, who hath ſent him to ſeek, and to ſave that which is loſt, and to heale the breaches, and to deſtroy that which hath made the breach, that ſo all Nations who receive him, & believe in him, may be reconcil'd unto him, and one to another; that the Earth may injoy reſt & the Regions quietneſs; therefore all be warned not to look forth in your wils, for there you will not receive him, but ſlight him, as many before you have done, and ſo lie down in ſorrow, and weary your ſelves in vanity, and lie down in infamy, and never come to ſee his dignity.

Now he, of whom I declare unto you, is the Son of God, who is the light of the World, and the life of man, and hath lightened every man that cometh into the World, which light wherewith all men are inlightned is not contrary to the Law of God which indures for ever, but one with it, and this will let you ſee, violence, treachery, murder, envie, wrath, maliciouſneſs, drunkeneſs, whoredom, lying, curſed ſpeaking, ſtealing, defrauding, cheating, coſening, rioteouſneſs, pride, arogancy, emulation, contention, ſtrife, hatred, perſecution, cruelty, opreſſion, I ſay the light which comes from Chriſt by whom the World was made, will ſhew you that all theſe things is ſin and evil in the ſight of God, and alſo will let you ſee there is a ground from whence theſe, and all other evils proceed, which ground

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is in all the Sons of men in the transgression, till it be removed, and these things before mentioned, be the fruits that grows from it, and buds forth themselves in all Nations, and in every man in every Nation, so the Earth is filled with violence, and the grapes are as *Sodom*, & the fruit as *Gomorrah*, whom God overthrew, and till these things be done away, and these fruits wither, and the root from whence they arise be removed out of every particular man who is a Ruler, he cannot be a blessing to a Nation, neither rule for God in a Nation, neither will he or can he be a terrour to all these things before mentioned.

While he himself is in those, for he cannot destroy his own life, neither will iniquity set up righteousness, nor the worker of iniquity advance Christ.

Therefore listen to the words of my mouth, and despise not counsell, least you perish among fools, and go down to the horrible pit, where there is everlasting misery unto all perpetuity.

Now God that made both Heaven and Earth, and all things that therein are, he is light, and with him is no darkness at all, he never changes his purity, nor alters his righteous decrees, his eye is pure, and alwaies fixed to behold all the works of the Sons of men, and he searches the heart of man with his eye, and pierceth through the secret places, and is near to every man, although man do not see him, he is invisible, and eternal, and his Law indures for ever, and the unalterable decree, by which sin is judged and reproved in the World, and in every particular man, and every man who hearkens and hears the words of the pure Law, which judges all sin in man, receiveth the sentence of death in himself, and is judged by the righteous words of his mouth, and so sin in the particular comes to be condemned, and all these changeable things is trodden under foot, which is acted and brought forth from the changeable mind of man, and so all Laws, Constitutions and Decrees, which is made in the will of man, comes to be thrown down by his righteous Law which proceeds out of the mouth of the righteous God, who is light, and so as his unchangeable

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and unalterable decree comes to be set up in every particular Ruler, & Governour, and himself judged with the just, he comes to bear his rule for the just, and answers that which is just in every man, and no longer can he act against well doing, but is a leader, and an incourager of it in all, and is a terrour to the unjust, and so comes to know the dominion again which man lost through disobedience and transgression.

Now all you powers of the Earth, wait that you may come to see that, & feel it revealed in your selves, to wit the Law of God from the mouth of God, that so you following it, sin may be judged in your selves, & you come to know the one Lord the Lawgiver which leads man back out of sin, & transgression by his Son whom he hath sent into the World, that all men through him might believe in the Father, & be restored out of sin & transgression unto life eternal, where death hath no entrance, & so all who waits upon the light of the Son of God, and is obedient to it, they come to feel his power and his decree which cannot alter its property or verity, & all who comes to be guided by it, you will come to see that which unites you unto God, & one Nation to another, in the Covenant of God! Oh that all your eyes were opened, that you might see that which belongs to your peace & the well being of all Nations, that so the power of the flock might be refreshed among you, and this I speak unto you, a change must be witnessed in your selves, before you will cease acting in the changeable mind, now the time draws near, the Lord will try you, for the Earth must be left without excuse, and he will have all warned, for God will no longer be limited, and therefore take heed how you gainsay any or resist any, who may declare unto you the counsell of God, and cause them not to be persecuted or hurt, but all be calme and moderate, and learn wisdom from above, from him who hath inlightned you, that you may come to deny your selves, and follow him who condems all self actings, and self will in man, and all Customs, Lavvs, and Worships, & Traditions, that is made in the will of man, that so he unto whom all power is committed may be feared, and worshipped in spirit, in life, truth and righteousness, that so all sedition, rebellion, treachery and unrighteousness may be cleansed out of the Earth, and that all quarrelling, fighting, contention may end; and people come out of that which the sword is against, that so the swords may be beat into Plowshares, and the spears into pruning hooks, that so violence may be done away, and cruelty, swept out of the Nations, that the dominion of God may be set over all, and his truth advanced above all, that the Kingdoms of the World may become the Lords, & his Christs; and blessed are they that stoop unto his Scepter, who judges the Nations in righteousness, and the people with equity, who is the Salvation of all his people for evermore, and a hiding place in the day of trouble.

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